

# UNITED STATES

<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION</b> <b>DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY – ORIGINAL APPLICATION</b>	<b>ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.</b> <b>207,637</b>
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name:

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled

(1) TITLE OF (1) DEVICE FOR GRIPPING A FLEXIBLE CONTAINER

the specification of which

(2) CHECK ☐ is attached hereto.  
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BOX ☒ was filed on December 17, 2004 as Application No. PCT/NL2004/000882

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the patentability of this application under 37 CFR 1.56(a): the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application; and as to applications for patents or inventor's certificate on the invention filed in any country foreign to the United States prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns.

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(4) The Netherlands	1025061	18/12/2003		

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112. I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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